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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-SPANISH RELATIONS

1. YUGOSLAVIA AND SPAIN WILL RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, ACCORDING TO A YUGOSLAV JOURNALIST WHO WILL BE GOING TO SPAIN SHORTLY TO DO A STORY TO "PREPARE THE YUGOSLAV PUBLIC" FOR THIS STEP. THE JOURNALIST SAID THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARAIT

WAS IN MADRID ON JANUARY

26. HE SAID ONE OF THE YUGOSLAV CONDITIONS FOR RESTORING RELATIONS WAS THAT THE SPANIARDS FORBID ANTI-TITO BROADCASTS IN CROATIAN FROM A SPANISH RADIO STATION AND THAT THE SPANIARDS HAD ACCEDED TO THIS REQUEST.

2. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN NO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA FOR MANY YEARS, THE JOURNALIST SAID THAT THE SPANIARDS MAINTAIN A TRADE MISSION IN BELGRADE HEADED BY A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO IS IN EFFECT THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA.
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